

CALUMET & HECLA MINING COMPANY, SUPERIOR ENGINE
HOUSE
Mine Street
Calumet
Houghton County
Michigan

HABS MI-430
MI-430

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
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CALUMET AND HECLA MINING COMPANY, PATTERN STORAGE

HABS No. MI-431

Location: The Pattern Storage building is located on the same side of the railroad tracks as the Foundry ruins and the Pattern Shop in a plot of land bounded by Mine, Armory, Fifth and Sixth Streets in Calumet, Houghton County, Michigan.¹

Present Owner: Located on the south side of Red Jacket Road, or in the original Hecla Mining Company side of town, the Pattern Storage building has a similar ownership history to the roundhouse, library, general office, machine shop, bathhouse, Agassiz House, and Miscowaubik Club. The chain of title information is as follows:

TwP 56N Range 33W Section 23

I. E $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Patent

State of Michigan to

St. Mary's Falls Ship Canal Co.

May 25, 1855, rec. September 4, 1875

Volume 17, p. 2.

II. E $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Warranty Deed

St. Mary's Falls Ship Canal Co. to

St. Mary's Canal Mineral Land Co.

June 8, 1860, rec. June 23, 1862

Volume 5, p. 316.

III. E $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Warranty Deed

St. Mary's Canal Mineral Land Co. to

Hecla Mining Company

September 11, 1866, rec. October 15, 1866

Volume 8, p. 371.

IV. Merger of Hecla Mining Company with Calumet Mining Company to form the Calumet & Hecla Mining Company

March 1871

Red Metal, p. 71.

¹ Location taken from "Calumet & Hecla Mine Location and Village of Calumet," Site map 1987, National Historic Landmark file, National Park Service.

V. Formation of the Calumet & Hecla Consolidated Copper Company

September 10, 1923

Red Metal, p. 140.

VI. Merger between Calumet & Hecla and Universal Oil Products
April 25, 1968.

Present Occupant: Presumed vacant.

Notes: Built in 1914 by Calumet and Hecla Mining Company's Engineering Department ... the architectural and design section. Trusses by W.B. & I. Co.. Main building measures 35' x 105'3"; lean-to addition measures 26' x 48'. Walls consist of hammer-dressed broken ashlar gray poor rock. Shed roof.

single story rectangular rough rubble masonry building; 33 x 130 with sharply pitched roof; small lean-to addition 20 square adjoining on the north side. Wooden patterns used for setting sand for castings made here/kept here...NR form says probably built in 1880s w/ rest of mine buildings in area (blacksmith shop for example)... On south side of Red Jacket Road – the Hecla Mining Company side. Nine shafts on Hecla side.

Sources: Charles K. Hyde and Diane B. Abbot, The Upper Peninsula of Michigan: An Inventory of Historic Engineering and Industrial Sites (Washington: Historic American Engineering Record, 1978, cited in "Calumet and Hecla Industrial District," Nomination form 1974, 1977, National Register for Historic Places, National Park Service.

"Coppertown USA." Barton-Aschman Associates, Inc., for the UOP Realty Development Company, 1972.

Historians: The summer historians were Kevin Harrington and Wendy Nicholas, who worked for the Historic American Buildings Survey/Historic American Engineering Record on the Calumet area survey in 1975.

Fig. 1 Perspective view of the Superior Engine House, looking from afar. Note presence of the Superior Boilerhouse (HABS No. MI-429) in the background. Photograph by Kevin Harrington and Wendy Nicholas, 1975.

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